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FOR: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR  
COARSELY GRINDING HYDROUS  
POLYMER GELS

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

28. (Amended) A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:

5 a first cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a cutting edge; and

a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip,

said first cutting roll being mounted above the longitudinal axis of said back-up roll such that a smallest distance between said cutting edge of the at least one cross cutting element and said back-up roll is situated below, and upstream in a conveying direction of a